

MOBILE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES WITH
QUICK-SEND FEATURES AND METHODS THEREFOR

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FIELD OF THE INVENTIONS

10 The present inventions relate generally to wireless communication devices, and more particularly to mobile wireless communication devices having quick-send features and methods therefor.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONS

Quick dialing features are known in cellular telephones. The Motorola StarTAC cellular telephones, for example, include a "Turbo Dial" feature that allows users to dial telephone numbers stored in memory locations 1-9 by merely depressing and holding a corresponding one of the input keys for a specified time interval. In the Motorola StarTAC phones, telephone numbers are associated with numeric input keys 1-9 by designating the corresponding memory location, i.e., locations 1-9, in which the telephone number is stored when the number is entered initially. Memory location 1 corresponds to numeric key 1, etc.

25 The Nokia 6100 series cellular handsets, by Nokia Mobile Phones Limited, include a "1-touch dialing" feature. In the Nokia handsets, telephone numbers are associated with input keys by entering the "1-touch dialing" mode, whereupon previously stored telephone numbers may be assigned to corresponding alphanumeric input keys on the keypad. Thereafter, stored telephone numbers may be dialed by depressing and holding the corresponding
30 input key associated therewith for a specified time interval.